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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a structure attached to a micro-fluidic channel,

comprising:

introducing a solidifiable fluid into a micro-fluidic channel wherein the solidifiable fluid comprises a binding material; introducing a focusing fluid into the micro-fluidic channel; hydrodynamically focusing the solidifiable fluid using the focusing fluid; and solidifying a portion of the hydrodynamically focused solidifiable fluid by selectively exposing the portion to an electromagnetic radiation; and forming a structure wherein the structure is a biocompatible coating, an internal divider wall, or a pillar.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the solidifying step comprises solidifying the hydrodynamically focused solidifiable fluid inside the channel.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the solidifying step comprises polymerizing the hydrodynamically focused solidifiable fluid by heat rather than the electromagnetic radiation.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the electromagnetic radiation comprises an ultraviolet radiation.
 - 5. (Canceled)
- 6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein forming the structure comprises forming a coating attached to walls of the channel.

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7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein forming the coating comprises forming a coating having a greater compatibility than that of the wall of the channel.

- 8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein forming the coating having the greater compatibility comprises forming a coating having a greater biocompatibility than that of the wall of the channel.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein forming the biocompatible coating comprises A method of forming a structure attached to a micro-fluidic channel, comprising:

introducing a solidifiable fluid into a micro-fluidic channel;

wherein the solidifiable fluid comprises a biocompatible material;

introducing a focusing fluid into the micro-fluidic channel;

hydrodynamically focusing the solidifiable fluid using the focusing fluid; and solidifying a portion of the hydrodynamically focused solidifiable fluid by selectively exposing the portion to an electromagnetic radiation; and

forming a biocompatible anti-fouling coating attached to walls of the channel having a greater biocompatibility than that of the wall of the channel

and wherein the solidifiable fluid comprises an anti-fouling material rather than a binding material.

- 10. (Original) The method of claim 9, further comprising flowing a fluid containing a biological molecule in the channel containing the biocompatible anti-fouling coating.
 - 11. (Canceled)
 - 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

flowing a fluid containing a biological molecule in the channel containing the biocompatible coating; and

binding the biological molecule to the binding material of the biocompatible coating.

- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein forming the structure comprises forming an internal divider wall.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising tailoring a permeability of the divider wall to a molecule.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising performing a separation by permeating the molecule across the internal divider wall.
 - 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein forming the structure comprises forming a pillar having a width that is based on hydrodynamic focusing and a length that is defined by a patterned mask.
 - 18. (Canceled).
 - 19. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a structure attached to a micro-fluidic channel comprising:
 - introducing a solidifiable fluid and a focusing fluid into a hydrodynamic focusing system having a micro-fluidic channel,
 - wherein the solidifiable fluid comprises biocompatible dissolvable nanoparticles;

hydrodynamically focusing the solidifiable fluid with the focusing fluid within the micro-fluidic channel; and

solidifying a portion of the hydrodynamically focused solidifiable fluid by selectively exposing the portion to an electromagnetic radiation to form a structure; wherein the structure is a coating or an internal divider wall.

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20-21. (Canceled).

- 22. (Canceled).
- 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein forming the structure comprises forming a plurality of coatings attached to walls of the channel.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein forming the structure comprises forming an internal divider wall.
 - 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising performing a separation by permeating a molecule across the internal divider wall.

26-33. (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the solidifying step comprises polymerizing the solidifiable fluid inside the channel.